



J.D. Murphree WMA Big Hill Unit #783N 8,200 acres

Jefferson
County

J.D. Murphree WMA
Hillebrandt Unit

To Beaumont

2710 Hwy 73 W,
Port Arthur, TX 77640

Port
Arthur

- ★ Area Headquarters / Check Station
- # Hunting Compartment Number
- Public Hunting Area
- Stream/bed

YOUTH HUNTS

Youth Only Waterfowl: See Texas Migratory Digest for Special Youth Season information and regulations. Shooting hours end at noon. Permit fees waived for all qualified participants.

Youth/Adult Waterfowl: Nov. 25, 27, 29, Dec. 23, 27, and Jan 24. No more than two supervising adults for each youth. Shooting hours end at noon.

LEGAL GAME • 2015-2016

Waterfowl: ALL Hunters must check out through the WMA check station and exit the WMA before noon.

Early Teal: Regular (daily) Permit: Each day of the Early Teal season. Hunters must register at the WMA headquarters check station located on State Hwy. 73.

South Zone Duck: Regular (daily) Permit: Only on Tues., Thurs., and Sat. except no hunts held on Thanksgiving Day.

Geese, Rail, Gallinule, and Snipe: May be taken during the seasons provided for these species during concurrent waterfowl hunts.

Feral Hog: Archery or Shotgun (slug or buckshot) only. Each day beginning the Monday following the close of South Zone Duck season and ending Mar. 31 (no bag limit). Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. No registration required. Use of dogs allowed.

Fishing: Open to fishing in compartments and ditches from Mar. 1-Aug. 31. Fishing is allowed in Big Hill Bayou from Sept. 1 to the beginning of the South Zone Duck season and from the Monday following the close of the South Zone Duck Season through Aug. 31. Fishing is restricted to 30 min. before sunrise to 30 min. after sunset. An APH or LPU Permit is required to fish within the WMA unless all activity is confined to a boat within Big Hill Bayou, Taylor Bayou, Hillebrandt Bayou, Blind Bayou. No commercial fishing or crabbing is allowed. No unattended lines.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: A \$20 Regular Permit (available at the check station) is required of all persons participating during the Early Teal, Youth/Adult Waterfowl, and South Zone Duck hunt dates. The \$20 Regular Permit fee is waived for persons possessing an APH Permit and for supervised minors. The Regular Permit hunt check station will open at 4:30 a.m. Hunt compartments will be assigned at time of registration. **NOTE:** Trapping, use of horses, water-skiing, and swimming is prohibited on the WMA. The use of airboats is prohibited, except in Big Hill Bayou and Blind Bayou. Travel within the WMA is by foot or boat only within compartments 1-11. From Sept. 1-Mar. 31 access to the leveed wetland compartments 1-11 is restricted to foot and non-motorized boats except to permitted hunters on designated days.

NOTE: See Check Station maps for designated motorboat trails and "No Prop" zones. Motorboat operators are advised that disturbance of soils and plants on the WMA is prohibited. Uprooting seagrasses using a propeller is prohibited by law.

Big Hill
Bayou
Blind
Bayou
Willow
Lake
Barnett
Lake
Gulf Intracoastal Waterway

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J.D. Murphree WMA
Salt Bayou Unit

Spell Lake

Johnson Lake

Keith Lake

Salt Lake

Knight Lake

Sabine

Lake

Sabine Pass



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APPROXIMATE SCALE IN MILES